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Additional Requirements for [REDACTED]

REFERENCE:

[REDACTED] 25X1A2g

25X6A The following requirements are submitted in reference to the
[REDACTED] and Equipment Plant [REDACTED]

1. It was stated in the referenced report that, "Metals used in this plant were of poor quality". Please have source detail this statement with the specific deficiencies of specific metals.

2. In addition, ask source to summarize the supply situation with respect to nonferrous metals--specifying the situation by the particular nonferrous metal involved-- while he was associated with the plant. Specific answers are desired concerning the roll of the supply of nonferrous metals as a limiting factor on the production of motors and transformers. Were all the other factors of production (labor, other materials, equipment, power, etc.) available in quantities which could have been used to produce more motors and transformers if more nonferrous metals had been available? If the answer is yes and nonferrous metals in greater quantities had been available would the plant probably have been directed to produce more motors and transformers? What was the relative priority of the plant in getting nonferrous metals? Describe the supply situation of nonferrous metals with respect to requirements for these metals. Define requirements carefully and evaluate whether a shortage of nonferrous metals existed in the real sense of limiting the production of items produced at the plant to a level below that originally planned. If shortages are expected, to what extent are they planned for? Is it probable that shortages of nonferrous metals could exist but be hidden by incorporating them into the production plan; i.e., could a production plan be technically fulfilled or even overfulfilled even though the supply of nonferrous metals was less than desired? Was there any effort to substitute other materials for nonferrous metals or to substitute less scarce for more scarce nonferrous metals? If there was such and effort, how intense was it?

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